matter can be taken unless the UN makes its support or otherwise clear the US move;

(b) if so, whether the Turkish Government also shared the India view;

(c) whether the Jammu and Kashmir issue was also discussed with Turkish Counterparts and how for the Turkish Government agreed with the Indian stand; and

(d) what other issues were discussed during the Prime Minister's visit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA): (a) During PM's visit to Turkey from 16-19 September, 2003 in response to a question from a member of the Press, PM said that India's consideration of sending troops to Iraq would depend on the UN resolution, its content, other related aspects and the internal security situation in the country.

(b) There was an identity of views in emphasising the need for a prominent role for the UN and a time-line for the political process which would transfer sovereignty to the Iraqi people.

(c) No Sir, the issue of Jammu and Kashmir was not discussed.

(d) Other issues discussed during PM's visit included, *inter alia*, ways and means of augmenting bilateral relations, including in the fields of defence, trade, energy, IT, and in the fight against terrorism. the situation in Middle East and the situation in Afghanistan were also discussed.

UN observers in Jammu and Kashmir

1018. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India barred access to the UN observers group for India and Pakistan in Jammu and Kashmir making clear that India visualised no role for the world body in militancy hit State;

(b) whether India has asked the UN to wind up its Observers group stationed in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) Following the signing of the Simla Agreement in 1972, which commits India and Pakistan to resolve all issues bilaterally, the UN Military Observer Group for India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP) has no role in Jammu and Kashmir. Government have communicated this to the UN but have not formally requested their withdrawal.

Indian help to set up a University in Senegal

1019. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Senegal Government has sought India's help to set up a University there; and

(b) if so, the action taken, thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) The President of Senegal, during, his visit to India in October, 2003 discussed the question of India's assistance to Senegal in the field of education.

(b) The Senegalese Government is yet to make a firm proposal in this regard.

U.S. restrictions on export of high technology items

1020. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that USA has not lifted restrictions on export of high technology items to India;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the efforts made by Government to have the restrictions removed at the earliest; and

(d) the present status of negotiations between the two countries in this regard?